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Applicant: Jean-Michel Dubus et al.

Title: INSTALLATION FOR MAKING A NONWOVEN
TEXTILE WEB AND METHOD FOR USING SUCH
AN INSTALLATION

Docket No.: 34052

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 1 - 8 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims 9 - 16.

- 1 9. (new) Installation for making a nonwoven textile
- 2 web comprising:
- 3 - extruding means comprising at least one extruder
- 4 for feeding a melted organic polymer to a spinneret for
- 5 producing a curtain of filaments, cooling means including
- 6 a cooling zone for providing at least surface
- 7 solidification of said filaments, a filament-drawing
- 8 assembly including a suction device comprising a narrow
- 9 chamber of rectangular cross-section in which said
- 10 curtain of filaments is drawn by high-speed air streams,

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